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## **MERIDIAN INTRODUCES NEW 251 POWERED ZONE CONTROLLER FOR HIGH RESOLUTION AUDIO PERFORMANCE**

Meridian Audio has extended its popular 200 Series with another high resolution innovation for home integrators. The new 251 is a compact Powered Zone Controller with two powerful, cool-running channels of on-board amplification capable of generating Meridian's statement superior audio performance for a variety of analogue speaker applications.

Enabled for hi-res audio, including Master Quality Authenticated (MQA), the 251 can act as an integrated amplifier, delivering 2 x 100W for two passive loudspeakers or a soundbar for media room projects. It can be deployed to run a 2.1 system with a separate subwoofer, using the unit's pair of analogue outputs, or be used as the hub for distributed audio applications from single zone to whole-house distribution using the 251's digital and analogue inputs. This Powered Zone Controller can also be the endpoint for Meridian's award-winning Sooloos music management platform as well as offering support for Roon. In all these applications, the 251 will elevate the listening experience by bringing Meridian's trademark fidelity and high resolution audio performance to the system.

Other Digital Signal Processing (DSP) technologies within the unit include upsampling and apodising filters, jitter reduction and lip syncing to enhance the audio experience and eliminate signal timing and alignment issues. An incredibly flexible solution, the 251 provides installers with a controller for a huge array of applications, whether it is a single room install or a whole home project.

The 251 Powered Zone Controller is quick and simple to install and set up. As a 1U, half rack width unit, it can easily be installed behind a TV or within an AV rack. An optional rack mount kit or VESA mounting bracket is available. A web based setup page makes for simple, repeatable and quick configuration.

Meridian provides a range of versatile control options for seamless integration and flexibility within a bigger home technology installation. The 251 offers IP and IR control, a native iPad network control app and Meridian Sooloos control, as required.

Boasting a huge variety of applications, the 251 can be used in conjunction with a range of analogue speakers, making it possible for everyone to enjoy the quality of Meridian systems. As part of the 200 series of products, this innovative solution highlights Meridian's commitment to the custom installation sector and its ambition to provide the best hi-res audio experience for its customers.

Price: £1,250 MSRP (5 year warranty)

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Shipping: September 2017. Available for pre orders now.

Find out more at [www.meridian-audio.com](http://www.meridian-audio.com).

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**ABOUT MERIDIAN AUDIO**

Since 1977, Meridian Audio has been crafting innovative, elegant, high performance audio solutions. From its compact DSP loudspeakers with integrated amplification, to its user-friendly music management platform, Sooloos, Meridian delivers easy to install, high resolution audio systems for home cinemas and whole home solutions. The Meridian Audio experience is now also available in the latest models from Jaguar Land Rover, thanks to a collaborative partnership between these two leaders of British innovation and engineering. Learn more at [www.meridian-audio.com](http://www.meridian-audio.com).

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